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WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969 calls for close cooperation between the states and Federal Government in determining threatened and endangered species:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Secretary of the Interior to include an equal number of state wildlife department representatives and Federal representatives on the Committee determining threatened and endangered species.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association urges the Committee to determine the status of all questioned species throughout their range before a final classification is made by the Secretary with concurrence of the effected states.

Resolution 21

CLIMATE MANIPULATION

WHEREAS, the interest in climate manipulation continues to increase and the effect of such manipulation on habitats and populations of fish or wildlife are unknown; and

WHEREAS, no environmental analysis has been conducted or resulting statement issued on previous climate manipulation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce to design and conduct studies to forecast the immediate and long-term effect that climate manipulation may have on the plant and animal communities of the areas involved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the potential environmental impact all climate manipulation projects be subject to environmental impact statements.

Resolution 22

FEDERAL RELOCATION ACT

WHEREAS, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has previously passed resolutions requesting the Congress to amend Public Law 91-646, the Uniform Relocation Assistance in Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and

WHEREAS, no action has yet been taken, and

WHEREAS, the member states of the International Association continue to experience unnecessary problems in the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife in the interest of all the citizens of the country as a result of this law, and

WHEREAS, in most cases the proposed land acquisition is to be carried out with willing sellers and, further, does not involve relocation of the seller,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Congress of the United States to amend Public Law 91-646 to delete relocation benefits when the purchase is for fish and wildlife purposes from persons who sell their property willingly and relocation of the owner is not a significant factor in the transaction.

Resolution 23

FEDERAL WATER PROJECT RECREATION ACT

WHEREAS, no action has been taken regarding Resolutions pertaining to modification of the Federal Water Project Recreation Act submitted in the 1971 and 1972 annual meetings of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, and